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PARIS FOR AMBASSADOR KENNETH RUSH AND WILLIAM C. TURNER,
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO OECD

FROM FRANK C. CONAHAN, DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN BRANCH, USGAO

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SUBJ: GAO VISIT

1. GAO IS BEGINNING A SURVEY ON (A) THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 5 OF THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION FAIR COMPETITIVE PRACTICES ACT OF 1974 (PUBLIC LAW 93-623, JANUARY 3, 1975) ALSO KNOWN AS THE "FLY AMERICA ACT", AND (B) THE EXTENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 1241 (A), TITLE 46, UNITED STATE CODE, 49 STAT. 2015 (MERCHANT MARINE ACT OF 1936).

2. THE FLY AMERICA ACT REQUIRES THAT PREFERENCE BE GIVEN TO UNITED STATES AIR CARRIERS WHEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ARRANGES FOR THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND GOODS TO, FROM OR BETWEEN FOREIGN COUNTRIES. THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL IS AUTHORIZED TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO OTHER THAN UNITED STATES CARRIERS ONLY WHEN THERE IS A SHOWING THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO USE THOSE SERVICES IN THOSE SPECIFIC INSTANCES.

3. THE MERCHANT MARINE ACT OF 1936 REQUIRES THAT ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE UNITED STATES TRAVELLING BY SHIP ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS OVERSEAS OR TO OR FROM ANY OF THE POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES, SHALL TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS ON SHIPS REGISTERED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES WHERE

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SUCH SHIPS ARE AVAILABLE UNLESS THE NECESSITY OF HIS MISSION

REQUIRES THE USE OF A SHIP UNDER A FOREIGN FLAG. THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES MAY NOT CREDIT ANY ALLOWANCE FOR TRAVEL OR SHIPPING EXPENSES INCURRED ON A FOREIGN SHIP IN THE ABSENCE OF SATISFACTORY PROOF OF THE NECESSITY THEREFOR.

4. THE OBJECTIVES OF OUR VISIT TO THE AMEMBASSY PARIS AND TO USOECD PARIS ARE TO (A) DETERMINE WHAT GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND WHAT ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS ARE USED TO INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THESE TWO ACTS, (B) DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ADEQUATE PROCEDURES IN FORCE TO INSURE THAT THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL CAN CARRY OUT HIS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THESE ACTS, AND (C) IDENTIFY ANY PROBLEMS WHICH AFFECT AN AGENCY'S ABILITY TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACTS AND TO RECOMMEND WAYS TO IMPROVE COMPLIANCE.

5. MESSRS. GERALD F. SCHMIDT AND THOMAS J. BREW AND MS. LOUISE V. GLOVER OF THE EUROPEAN BRANCH WILL BEGIN WORK IN PARIS ON APRIL 19, 1976, TWO AT THE EMBASSY AND ONE AT USOECD. PLEASE RESERVE THREE SINGLE ROOMS PREFERABLY AT THE HOTEL WASHINGTON, RUE DE WASHINGTON, FOR FOUR NIGHTS, BEGINNING APRIL 18, 1976.

6. DIRECTOR EUROPEAN BRANCH, USGAO, CERTIFIES THAT THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES OF THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE HAVE BEEN GRANTED TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES ON THE BASIS OF FULL FIELD INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10450. THIS CERTIFICATION IS NOT TO BE HONORED UNLESS THE PERSONS NAMED BELOW PRESENT OFFICIAL U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE CREDENTIALS: GERALD F. SCHMIDT, BORN OCTOBER 29, 1943, DATE OF CLEARANCE APRIL 20, 1971; THOMAS J. BREW, BORN JUNE 8, 1948, DATE OF CLEARANCE NOVEMBER 5, 1974; LOUISE V. GLOVER, BORN APRIL 23, 1946, DATE OF CLEARANCE MAY 23, 1969.

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